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Alaska Community Health Care Centers and Clinics Receive Quality Awards

Anchorage, Alaska, (Nov. 6, 2018) – Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is pleased to announce the 2018 winners of the Alaska Primary Care Awards. The awards were presented to 14 facilities during the Alaska Primary Care Association Conference on November 6th in Anchorage.

The quality awards are given out each year to recognize Alaska's community health care centers and clinics for their undying commitment to improving patient care. All recipients of the awards must demonstrate a dedication to their consumers and their community. Recipients of the *Alaska Primary Care Quality Excellence Award* must meet four clinical measures and show improvement in one financial measure. Recipients of the *Alaska Primary Care Quality Honorable Mention Award* must meet four clinical measures but are not required to show improvement on a financial measure.

"Community health centers play a vital role in our health care system and they are a critical part of our Alaskan communities," says Sharon Scudder, Alaska director for Mountain-Pacific Quality Health. "These community health centers have demonstrated a true dedication to improve health care for all Alaskans. I couldn't be more pleased with their unwavering dedication to provide the best care possible."

Three facilities received the *Alaska Primary Care Quality Excellence Award*—the highest award possible:

- Kodiak Community Health Center, Kodiak
- Dahl Memorial Clinic, Skagway
- Seward Community Health Center, Seward

Eleven facilities received the *Alaska Primary Care Quality Honorable Mention Award:*
- Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Anchorage
- Bethel Family Clinic, Bethel
- Cross Road Health Ministries, Glennallen
- Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Anchorage
- Iliuliuk Family & Health Services, Unalaska
- Interior Community Health Center, Fairbanks

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- Norton Sound Health Corporation, Nome
- Peninsula Community Health Services of Alaska, Soldotna
- Southcentral Foundation, Anchorage
- Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, Juneau
- Yakutat Community Health Center, Yakutat

All community health care centers and clinics across Alaska were considered for these awards. Mountain-Pacific appreciates the dedication shown by the winners and recognizes the effort they put forth every day to provide excellent care within their communities.

About Mountain-Pacific—Mountain-Pacific is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and holds federal and state contracts that allow them to oversee the quality of care for Medicare and Medicaid members. Mountain-Pacific works within its four-state region (Montana, Wyoming, Alaska and Hawaii, which includes the U.S. Pacific Territories of Guam and American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) to help improve the delivery of health care and the systems that provide it. Mountain-Pacific's goal is to increase access to high-quality health care that is affordable, safe and of value to the patients they serve. www.mpqhf.org

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